

SENATE RESOLUTION 1 of the First Extraordinary Session  
By Williams

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Zen Clayton Johnson of  
Maynardville.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of this General Assembly and the citizens of our state learned of the death of Zen Clayton Johnson; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson was a distinguished citizen of the state of Tennessee who was very dedicated to his profession, community and family; and

WHEREAS, Zen Clayton Johnson was a member of J. C. Baker Lodge #720 of the Free and Accepted Masons; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson was a lifelong active and devout member of the Union Missionary Baptist Church, having been ordained as a Deacon in 1938 and having taught Sunday school for 25 years; and

WHEREAS, the legacy Zen Clayton Johnson leaves behind will be remembered and treasured by friends and associates for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his mother, Bertha Skeen Johnson Atkins; brother, Fred Johnson, and half-brothers, Verlin, Clonnie and Avery Johnson; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson enjoyed the loving companionship of his late wives, Juanita Kitts-Johnson and Lucille Wilhite Johnson; and

WHEREAS, he was the husband of Sue S. Johnson, the proud father of Lowell E. Johnson, and was the stepfather of Carol Weaver, David Wilhite, and Jim Wilhite; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson also enjoyed the affection of his grandchildren, Anita Duval,

T. Sgt. Clayton Johnson, Tammy Kanott, and his five great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body pause in its deliberations to remember the exemplary life of this fine Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we honor the memory of Zen Clayton Johnson, remembering with admiration his strong character and his many selfless contributions to the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Zen Clayton Johnson.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.